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Title: METHOD OF INDUCING OR

ENHANCING CHONDROGENESIS WITH

EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX

CONTAINING BMP-4

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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Advisory Action of June 26, 2003 and the Final Rejection of March 12, 2003.

A request for a three-month extension accompanies this response along with a Notice of Appeal and the appropriate fees.

If this amendment is entered, the claims will appear as listed starting on page 2 of this paper.

The remarks and arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.